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College-age voters 'critical' in November elections

NICK JOHNSON
Daily Egyptian

Facing an enthusiastic Republican base that's expected to turn out in droves for the November election, President Barack Obama said the future of his goals for higher education policy hinges on college-aged voters supporting Democrats in the polls with the same vigor they did in the 2008 Presidential Election.

Obama touted his administration's policies on higher education, ones he said have made college more accessible and affordable, Monday during a teleconference with college student-journalists.

Administration policies that have helped college students so far include an addendum to the health care bill passed in March that allows students to stay on their parents' health insurance plan until they're 26, said John Jackson, visiting professor at the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute.

"It's a huge benefit for future college students," Jackson said.

The administration has also made sure future student borrowers don't have to pay more than 10 percent of their monthly salary after they graduate to service student loans, Obama said.

Charles Leonard, a visiting professor and director of the Institute's polling initiatives, said the Obama administration has clearly made it easier for students to get and pay back loans.

"I think students probably ought to care about that," Leonard said.

Republican voters are excited about the anticipated results of the election, and the college-age demographic still needs to be



STEVE BERCZYNSKI | DAILY EGYPTIAN

Senator Bill Brady talks with fellow Senator John Jones on Tuesday during Brady's visit to the Jackson County Country Club in Murphysboro. Brady stopped in southern Illinois for a brief visit

with voters as he works on his campaign for governor of Illinois. Approximately 20 groups signed up to golf and meet Brady before he had to leave for Springfield and Chicago.

pumped up in order to help Democrats in November, Leonard said.

Obama's Monday teleconference was an example of the administration's recent strategy to get the attention of young voters, he said.

"If he was trying to gin up support from young people in June, they weren't paying attention. They were at the beach. ... They were working summer jobs," he said. "The conventional wisdom in electoral politics is that most vot-

ers don't pay attention to elections until after Labor Day."

Though he said Obama is trying everything he can to fix the economy and show college students there is a viable job market, Leonard also said Republicans are trying as hard as they can to show young people that the national deficit accrued in Obama's presidency will leave them with a very high bill as taxpayers.

"In spending stimulus money in roads and other sorts of programs,

he's increased the deficit," Leonard said. "That's something that should go into the young person's voting calculus."

Republican gubernatorial candidate Bill Brady said during a Sept. 16 visit to Elmhurst College that higher education was a priority the state can't ignore.

At a golf outing fundraiser Tuesday in Murphysboro, Brady said visiting students on campuses is important for his campaign.

"They are a very important group," Brady said of college students.

On the other side, incumbent Democrat Gov. Pat Quinn has proposed a 1 percentage point income tax increase for education to help struggling universities such as SIUC, which will most likely face an \$11.5 million shortfall for fiscal year 2011.

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Furloughs 'devastated' University of Illinois faculty

RYAN VOYLES
Daily Egyptian

While the University of Illinois saved millions by implementing furlough days in the spring, some faculty members said it came at the cost of staff morale.

Kathryn Oberdeck, an associate professor of history at U of I, said the furlough days caused turmoil and hampered research across the Champaign-Urbana campus. She said it not only affected morale on campus, but the lingering sting of furlough days has some staff wondering whether to stay at the university.

"It wasn't just faculty either though. It was staff as well, in some cases the lower-paid, that

had to now burden more work on them," Oberdeck said. "I think it was especially them that suffered."

SIUC is looking to possibly implement unpaid administrative leave, or furlough days, to help offset the university's \$2.5 million shortfall. The Board of Trustees voted in its meeting Sept. 16 in Edwardsville to grant SIU President Glenn Poshard the ability to give SIU chancellors that authority.

The new policy allows up to six unpaid administrative leave, or furlough, days to be implemented every year. However, the days are not to be scheduled during periods when classes are in session. The previous policy stated any closure of campus would be con-

sidered paid leaves for all faculty and staff.

SIUC Chancellor Rita Cheng has said that she expects four unpaid administrative leave, or furlough, days to make up the shortfall.

While SIUC is still negotiating how these days would work, staff at U of I said they hope more leave days do not head their way.

In a Jan. 5 announcement to the U of I community, former Interim President Stanley Ikenberry said, due to the university waiting for more than \$400 million in state money for the 2010 budget, employees had to choose between a "voluntary" pay reduction or furloughs in the spring. If the latter was chosen, all faculty and academic professional staff would

have to take four furlough days during the spring, while all administrative positions would take 10 furlough days, Ikenberry said in his announcement.

But Megan McLaughlin, the former executive committee president of the university's Campus Faculty Association and an associate professor of history, said staff were not only upset with the decision between leave days or pay cuts, but also in the way they were implemented on campus.

"The faculty reacted with complete outrage, not just to the furloughs themselves, but to the goofy ways in which our administration packaged them," she said. "If you chose, you could take a voluntary pay cut instead of a furlough, but

even if you didn't voluntarily do this, your pay was still cut. The CFA organized a series of 'Common Furlough Days,' one a month throughout the spring, on which faculty who were on furlough could come together to discuss the university's financial situation, get organized and ultimately lobby the legislature in Springfield to fund higher education.

"Incidentally, faculty were so angry that membership in our organization doubled."

Oberdeck said the staff had a variety of emotions when told about the decision, from anger to acceptance.

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Aviation students remain without regular bus transportation

Administration says increase in student fees are needed

SARAH SCHNEIDER
Daily Egyptian

A smaller bus route is now available for aviation students, though a long term fix for transit to the airport has not been determined.

David NewMyer, chairman of the aviation management and flight program, said after Route 3 was cut from Saluki Express, vans were used to take students back and forth to the airport and a smaller bus has recently been added.

The new service goes to and from the airport every two hours, five times a day as opposed to the service from last year that was every hour, NewMyer said. While the service is temporary this year, NewMyer hopes it won't be next year.

Out of the 340 students going to the airport daily, more than 10 percent of those students depend on transit service, NewMyer said. Roughly 39 students have used the service consistently, he said.

Lori Stettler, director of the

Student Center, said Route 3, which went to the Southern Illinois Airport in Murphysboro, was eliminated after budget concerns. She said there would have needed to be an increase in the Mass Transit Fee, which all students pay, to keep it open.

"It was eliminated because there were no student fee increases passed by the (Board of Trustees) and because of that there wasn't enough funding to pay for all of the previous routes," she said. "We looked at what was the least-utilized route when we made the cut, and Route 3 had significantly lower ridership. We are very worried about this because it is a decrease in student services."

Larry Dietz, vice chancellor of student affairs, said many more students are riding the provided transportation to the airport now and it seems to be more of a needed service than last year's figures indicated. He said he is trying to meet that need.

Dietz said if demand stays strong, it would be factored into the budget plan for next year.

"We will consult the student groups whenever we are putting together our fee proposal for FY12 based upon the numbers of ridership they are providing us," he said.

Dietz said after the route was cut from the budget, a number of people came to talk to him about the need for such a service.

"I came up with a small amount from my budget, and Provost Rice came up with a small amount from his budget to try this on a pilot kind of basis," Dietz said. "That got the program going, but we have yet to find out a more permanent solution."

"I hope we get the full service back because having Saluki Express every hour, on the hour was much more convenient for the students," he said.

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Clarification

In the Tuesday edition of the DAILY EGYPTIAN, the story "Liquor sales at Hundley House, DiMaggio's Pizza approved," should have said "Liquor sales at Hundley House, DiMaggio's Pizza recommended." It also should have said the recommendation may be brought to the Liquor Commission Oct. 5. The DAILY EGYPTIAN regrets this generalization.

Correction

In the Monday edition of the DAILY EGYPTIAN, the outline for the photo for Dan Seidl's memorial on page 3 should have said Ben Hostetler, a senior from Norwood Park studying journalism. The DAILY EGYPTIAN regrets this error.

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Green energy option discussed with community

MICHAELA CANTY
Daily Egyptian

Phil Gatton said the application of green projects on campus is a symbol of the university's amplified sustainability efforts.

Gatton, director of the Physical Plant, and the plant held an open forum Tuesday in the Student Center Auditorium for faculty, staff, students and Carbondale citizens to discuss the wind turbine project.

"This is a natural fit for our campus that aims to increase green sustainability," Gatton said. "We are trying to become a greener campus. We wanted to provide an opportunity to show the capabilities of a wind turbine on campus."

Wind turbines convert the kinetic energy of wind into mechanical power that can be converted into electricity, according to the U.S. Department of Energy website.

Gatton said the plant started to collect data on energy conservation and environmental assessments such as wetland effects and air transport, noise, light patterns, biological effects on endangered species and wind frequency in regard to turbines since 2007. They plan to build the structure at the Vermicomposting Center, he said.

Gatton said the wind turbine will provide a fixed rate of 5 percent for electricity expenses during the next 20 to 30 years. This will be a known quantity that will help figure electricity costs, he said.

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— Phil Gatton
director of the Physical Plant

The project is under a performance contract, which is leased over a period of 15 to 20 years. The contract curtails electricity payments to institutions such as Ameren, he said.

The project was funded with grants from the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation, the U.S. Department of Energy, Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and SIUC's green fee, which supported 11 percent of the funding, said Justin Harrell, electrical engineer at the Physical Plant. The project, estimated to cost \$7 million, would account for 61 percent of the performance, he said. Harrell said it is expected to reduce the electricity bill by \$350,000 to \$400,000 a year.

"The contract represents the remaining 60 percent, which will not affect the university's budget because it is paid through electric savings from campus," he said. "The project is self-financed."

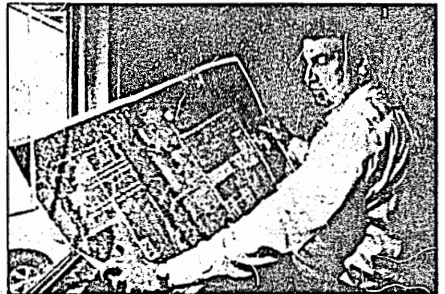
He said as soon as the economy

begins to recover, he expects electricity prices to increase due to cap and trade, or a tax on carbon. The cost of electricity could increase because 50 percent of U.S. electrical energy comes from coal and another 20 percent from natural gas. Although proposed carbon dioxide regulations are likely to go into effect by January and the provisions are not clear, Harrell said the plant wants to take precautions because the plant uses coal to heat and cool the campus.

"The wind turbine will offset electricity costs and coal usage because it reduces the amount of carbon dioxide by producing renewable power, rather than the majority of fossil fuels," he said. "In carbon cap and trade, the plant may be penalized for the carbon dioxide emitted from the plant."

Aside from operational aspects of the wind turbine such as price, electricity savings and hedging against future price increases, the project offers an educational perspective useful for SIU academics, Harrell said.

Jon Franklin, a senior from



FAT SUTPHIN | DAILY EGYPTIAN

Phil Gatton, director of the Physical Plant, looks at a map of the proposed wind turbine location Tuesday in his office. If approved, the turbine will be located at the Vermicomposting Center. A public forum was held Tuesday in the Student Center Auditorium to discuss the matter.

Peoria studying mechanical engineering, said he and his classmates are using the SIUC wind turbine as their fixed study for their senior project. The data gathered by the plant has been helpful and similar to their research, he said.

"I think it is cool to have something in place to refer to," Franklin said. "Because the project is close in proximity, we are going to use this as our groundwork."

In an effort to progress toward building a sustainable reputation for the university, plant members plan to create a sustainable section within the Department of Agriculture near the turbine's location for sustainable

education tours, Gatton said.

After thorough investigation of all the project's benefits and potential risks, Gatton said he will seek approval from the Board of Trustees, which would have to authorize the project before construction could begin.

"There is such a uniqueness to this that has a real life application for students in the classroom," he said. "There are going to be more sustainable jobs, and students need a place to be trained."

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USG distributes money to four registered student organizations

LAUREN LEONE
Daily Egyptian

The Undergraduate Student Government approved more than \$26,000 in funding to four registered student organizations: Up 'til Dawn, College Democrats, Association for Computing Machinery and Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity at its meeting Tuesday in the Student Health Center Auditorium.

Ben Wasson, a senior from Hudson, Wis., studying computer science and chair for the finance committee, said USG plans to spread money as equally as possible for the 2010-2011 school year. He said he wants to see the money handed out over a period of time, not all at once.

USG plans to spend roughly \$58,000 per semester from the Student Organization Activity Fee, Wasson said.

"All the funding used to be given out during the fall and then there was never enough for the spring," he said.

Wasson said the finance committee also plans to fund RSOs that have never requested funding before.

"I think a lot of organizations feel jaded because they feel the money is only going towards certain things," he said.

Jessica Stout, a junior from Taylorville studying physiology and president of Up 'til Dawn, said the group did not receive funding from USG last year but received \$2,231 this year for its fundraiser Nov. 13.

Up 'til Dawn is in its second year at SIUC, aimed toward ending childhood cancer by raising funds for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Stout said. She said other colleges and universities nationwide are part of similar efforts.

"The good thing about this group is it brings students from all walks of life together for one cause," she said.

Stout said she requested money from USG to avoid requesting money from St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. St. Jude paid a portion of what the RSO could not fund itself in its first



EDYTA BLASZCZYK | DAILY EGYPTIAN

Undergraduate Student Government Vice President Jarvis Freeman counts votes while Sarah Harvey, a senior from Phoenix studying computer science, and Kevin Reuter, a senior from Granite City studying computer science, wait to get the results on a vote Tuesday at the Student Health Center to receive money for the Association for Computing Machinery group to hold a fundraiser: to for the St. Louis Children's Hospital. ACM and other organizations that received their requested money were Up 'til Dawn, College Democrats and Kappa Alpha Psi.

year, she said.

"Receiving this money from USG allows us to put on these events without taking anything away from St. Jude," she said. "Everything we work for can go directly to them."

Up 'til Dawn cost roughly \$4,000 in its first year, but raised more than \$46,000 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, she said.

For its second year, students will bring mail addresses of friends and family members for the RSO to later send out donation requests. A 1970s cover band will entertain this year's event, fitting for the RSO's theme, Rock and Roll Out Cancer, Stout said.

The Association for Computing Machinery was approved for \$3,900 for March 5 and 6 events to raise funds for St. Louis Children's Hospital.

The College Democrats requested \$22,000 and senators approved \$14,000 of it to invite David Plouffe, President Barack Obama's chief campaign manager, to speak on campus.

Bill Ryan, treasurer of College Dem-

ocrats, said the event would not only attract people in the immediate community but also those interested from bordering states.

"The total estimated cost for the event is \$34,000," he said. Ryan said before the group requested money from USG, they sought out other means, bringing in \$12,500 from Graduate Student Government. He said the College Democrats would raise the remaining \$8,000 through local donations.

Kappa Alpha Psi received \$3,100 of the \$8,000 requested money for the organization's events Oct. 31 to Nov. 6.

Dave Loftus, senator for West Side housing and member of Internal Affairs, said he wants to see money be open for everyone, not only registered student organizations.

"We want everyone to have a fair chance," he said. "We want to also be looking out for the little guy."

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Jackson said Democrats have made huge positive strides for students with the passing of the health care bill and financial reform bill, but will pay the price for those hotly-contested actions in November unless young people turn out to support them in numbers similar to 2008.

"If young people sit on their hands as is being suggested and don't go to the polls ... if they stay home and don't go to vote this time, that is going to make a critical difference in what the Congress will do in 2011 and 2012, and the answer to that is they won't do anything," Jackson said. "So you've got to get people's attention right now ... (the administration's) already done their part. Let's see what college students do."

Voting registration for the state ends Oct. 5; the General Election is Nov. 2.

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"There were a number of people who saw (the furloughs) as an opportunity to make a statement about the larger picture that is going on with the state level, and the way that the furlough days brought up questions about that," Oberdeck said. "There were others that felt the crisis was what the administrators had painted it to be and that there really wasn't any other choice. I think it did expand the participation in discussing these topics."

She said the furlough days seem to contradict the main mission of the university, which is to emphasize the research of the faculty, which would help the students.

The 10 administrative and four staff furlough days saved the university \$17 million, said Randy Kangas, associate vice president of planning and budgeting at U of I.

Unions and staff in Carbondale have taken note on how other universities have handled the leave situation.

Jim Podessa, president of the SIUC Graduate Assistants United

union, said he and other unions on campus have noted how other union groups in Illinois handled their own furlough problems. He said all the groups support one another to get what is best for themselves.

"In about two weeks, we're going up to Chicago, and all the graduate assistant unions in the state will be there just to discuss how to approach this challenging environment," Podessa said. "So yeah, we're in close communication with our unions across the state."

Negotiations are ongoing with SIUC administrators, but Podessa said he would not comment on their process.

Oberdeck said it is important for staff facing the possibility of furlough days to ask questions and decide whether there is a better alternative.

"I would raise questions about the spending priorities that are involved," Oberdeck said. "But I would also be prepared to not be welcomed into that decision making process."

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GUEST COLUMN

Parental presence censors Facebook

Tara Kulash
sophomore studying journalism

Remember the good of days when Facebook was something you shared strictly with your friends and peers? You could post embarrassing, and sometimes inappropriate, pictures and type obscene statements on your friends' walls. Well, those days are gone.

Facebook is ruined. Everyone and his grandma are on Facebook now. As soon as my mom joined, I knew the fun was over. At first, it was just the annoying shouts from the

computer room demanding that I show her how to work the site.

"Tara! What is this wall that people keep writing on? I don't want them on my wall. That's my wall!"

Then it quickly turned into her stalking my page. I remember once discussing with my cousin over Facebook how religion should not be taught in public schools. About an hour later, I got a phone call from my mom lecturing me that I was wrong and that she was disappointed that I put something like that on my page.

Apparently freedom of speech isn't

even allowed on Facebook anymore, as long as Mommy is around.

It's not just moms, though. Other family members, teachers, employers and, worst of all, Big Brother is eyeing your page. Facebook has become a résumé. It seems, for anyone looking for a job or school. Even if you set your profile as private, employers have ways of getting around it.

This is important, people, so read closely: If it's on the Internet, it's on the Internet. Your information is out there, whether you like it or not. In fact, try Googling your name and see what pops

up. Chances are, you're probably under some directory website that pulled your information from Facebook or Myspace. I once found myself on a directory website that even had a picture of me from my old Xanga account.

Remember Xanga? It's the free blogging site that was huge before Myspace. I haven't used it since early high school, but apparently my information is still being pulled from it. It creeps me out to think about it, because real life "creepers," the ones we tend to joke about, really are out there.

Some people believe Facebook has

become a big conspiracy; and the government is using it against us. Maybe so. Maybe Big Brother is using social networks as a tool to watch over us all. I know I've definitely learned to censor my page. I'm not looking to get in trouble with my mom, boss or the president anytime soon.

So, a rule of thumb that could be of help to you, too, is this: If you wouldn't want your grandma to see it, don't post it.

And just for the record, I now appreciate my Facebook relationship with my mom.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Carbondale prohibits cyclists from riding on sidewalk

DEAR EDITOR:

Recently, I was riding my bike four feet from the curb as required by state law, when someone cursed at me to get on the sidewalk, even though doing so would violate city ordinance.

As you enter the City of Carbondale, there is a notice near the welcome sign that says "No Bikes On Sidewalks."

When did you last read the pages on bike regulations in your driver's manual? Bike manuals are available at the Department of Motor Vehicles.

It is against Carbondale law to ride a bike on sidewalks. Bikes belong in the street according to those laws, where state law dictates proper behavior for cyclists and motorists. Gov. Pat Quinn passed a law July 5 that penalizes drivers for driving too close to cyclists and terrorizing them. Such behavior is punishable by fines and prison time as a Class 4 felony for a driver.

Bikes belong in the street according to the law. Let it up.

SIUC I have to put up with drivers swearing at me, honking, even "non-stop tailgating" and then speeding around me, yelling at me to get on the sidewalk.

I have been fined \$80 three times for doing so — the first was in the winter when I rode my bike on the sidewalk near the University Book

store because the street was a sheet of ice. The officer suggested I get snow tires on my bike so I could ride it in the street. The last time, I was fined \$80 for riding a few yards on the sidewalk and I won't do it again.

I ride about three to four feet from the curb according to the law to avoid manholes, drains, etc. except when changing lanes. I always signal with my hands when changing lanes and turning.

The law allows bikes to ride side-by-side in the street but not on the sidewalks.

Drivers must yield the right of way to bicycles just as though they were motor vehicles. Cars should respect bicycles as much as another car. Please, no more swearing, honking and insults. I am obeying the law by riding my bike in the street instead of on the sidewalk.

The only place bikes are supposed to ride on the sidewalk is on the SIUC campus and designated bike ways. Carbondale needs to make more bike routes, as well as one-way bike routes on Route 13 by adding two to three feet to the curb for bikes.

If you have a car, respect us. Bikes belong in the street — it's the law.

Lloyd T. Rich
Carbondale resident

Salukis should replace starting quarterback

DEAR EDITOR:

After witnessing the first few games of this season, it is clear that the football team is struggling. While the team consists of more than one player, I know I speak for many when I say the problem that really needs to be rectified is the quarterback position. Many of us believe it is time Chris Dieker be removed as the starting quarterback and replaced with Paul McIntosh.

Since Dieker was injured last season, he hasn't been at the same playing level. It was obvious he struggled in the game at University of Illinois. He made poor decisions on where to throw his passes and those passes were often off. U of I fans asked us why Dieker was our starter.

The real problem surfaced in the game against Southeast Missouri State: turnovers. His first pick and start 1-for-6 was terrible. Then, when he was reinstated in the game, which brought a lot of anger from the student

section, he ignored an open Joe Allaria because he was running from taking a hit. Two plays later, he threw into triple coverage and the game was over for us.

This weekend, against Youngstown State, he threw two picks and fumbled.

Meanwhile, McIntosh has been excellent. Last year as the replacement for Dieker he was 5-1. Not only did he have a good record as a starter, but he led us to wins at the two toughest places we had to play: Northern Iowa and South Dakota State. This season, when he replaced Dieker in the SEMO game, he led us on two touchdown drives, throwing one touchdown and feeding running back Shariff Harris for the other. He did this while Dieker did nothing.

McIntosh is a much more mobile quarterback than Dieker. He has the mental toughness. He is the quarterback of the future for the SIUC football program and it's time to name him the starter.

We as Saluki fans are tired of watching Dieker turn the ball over. Many of us were disappointed when Dieker was put in at the end of the SEMO game after doing nothing. Even more of us were disappointed to find him the starter in the Youngstown State game. It's time for McIntosh to start.

I encourage disturbed Saluki fans to write to coach Dale Lennon to express their dissatisfaction with the decision to continue playing Chris Dieker when he has underperformed. His e-mail can be easily found through People Finder on the SIUC website. Do not take this as an opportunity to be hateful, Lennon has done an excellent job of leading the team. Merely express your desire to see Paul McIntosh take over the starting quarterback position.

Otherwise, let's go Dawgs.

Brad Mitzelfelt
senior studying architecture

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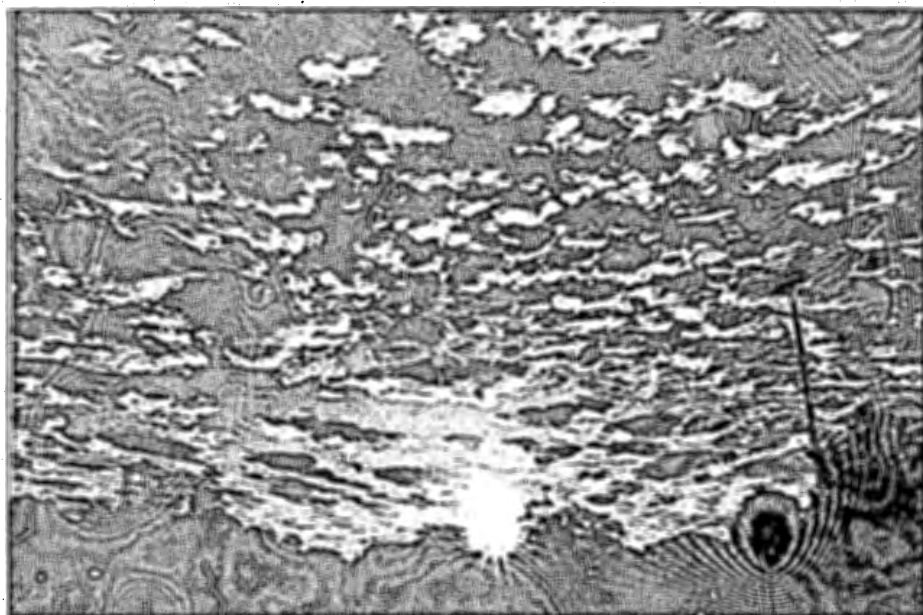


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Wet summer a pain for some pumpkin farmers

DAVID MERCER
The Associated Press

CHAMPAIGN — This has not been a good year for many of Illinois' pumpkin growers, with one of the wettest summers in state history creating a season some growers would like to forget.

While the company that produces the vast majority of the canned pumpkin consumed in the United States says it has plenty to sell, in Illinois it was too wet in many places for pumpkins.

"If it continues raining like it has for another week, we are going to

The major exception was the far southern tip of the state, where the weather was dry, but the heat turned what might have been a good year to merely average.

have a lot of rotten pumpkins," said Susie Andrews of East Moline.

She and her husband, Stephen, own Happy Hollow U-Pick fruit and vegetable farm. Pumpkin production from the 5 acres they planted this year is probably half what it should be and the couple lost another 5 acres of

sweet corn to a combination of rain, deer and raccoons, she said.

Illinois is the country's biggest pumpkin producer, and conditions and production have varied widely.

In Morton, near Peoria, where Nestle grows the pumpkins it cans, 2010 apparently has been a fairly good year. The company says that a year after a shortage of canned pumpkin, it has plenty this year. Nestle sells about 85 percent of the canned pumpkin in the country under the Libby's brand.

But in a lot of northern and northwestern Illinois, the relentlessly wet summer has taken a toll.

More than 16 inches fell on average around the state, according to the Illinois Water Survey. 5 inches more than normal. The summer was very warm, too, adding to the problems for some pumpkin growers.

"I cannot remember a July and August as wet as it was this year," Andrews said.

The major exception was the far southern tip of the state, where the weather was dry, but the heat turned what might have been a good year to merely average.

"What hurt us more than anything was not so much the moisture but the

105-, 110-degree heat we had," said J.T. Bandy, who owns Bandy's Pumpkin Patch in Johnson City. The town is about 70 miles southeast of St. Louis.

Bandy said he has a good number of pumpkins, he just doesn't have really big ones.

Andrews' situation is much worse, she said. She and her husband will try to make up the money they anticipate losing through a Halloween haunted house on their farm, something they haven't had in several years.

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When Julius Peppers joined Da Bears, he willingly took his new team out to eat and drink. Peppers should see it as more of an initiation. Fronting the team bill is a small fee when compared to bonding with your teammates who help keep you from winding up with a season ending injury.

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I'm not big on tradition, especially when it involves Roy Williams. What has he ever done in the NFL to deserve Bryant's respect and fealty anyway?

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His bill at the steak house isn't really much to a player making \$6.3 million in guaranteed money. I would ask him to watch my children after practice while I run back into the locker room to grab something but leave and text all the players to drop their children off and tell them to go visit uncle Dez. Free babysitting.

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from the Pound

Today's question:
Who should get more playing time Saturday against Illinois State University, Chris Dieker or Paul McIntosh?

Yesterday's question:

After the fourth week of the NCAA football season, there are 18 undefeated teams ranked in the top 25, including last year's national champions Alabama, Ohio State and Boise State. If these three teams remain undefeated, Boise State will not be in the BCS game. It is possible for a team ranked lower than the Broncos to pass them in coming weeks. Get out the magic ball and make an early prediction, will Boise State be in the big game?

Your answer:

I used to believe that once athletes sign the contract that should be it, but since the owners can now "cut" a player, for just a fraction of their contract, I now believe turnabout is fair play.
— David Payne

CONCUSSED

Ed Thompson, SIU associate athletic director, said the SIU training staff follows the mandate closely to ensure players' safety. The NCAA rule states concussed players cannot return to play the same day and outlines which programs have to take pretests, who universities should communicate with about concussions and student roles in concussion management.

Land said the student management part is the most important part of the rule.

"The person suffering from the concussion has to be honest with themselves and with healthcare providers as far as making sure they're honestly reporting symptoms, because even with the tests there is no physical finding of a concussion of the brain," Land said. "It won't show up on a MRI or CT Scan. It has to be reported by the individual."

The new regulations help the trainers because now they have a guide that every college institution has to follow instead of just guessing when a player can make a safe return to the field, he said.

"Over the course of 208 schools or what have you, each athletic trainer is going to respond differently. Now there is hardly any room for error," Thompson said.

The SIU athletic training staff runs pre-participation evaluations on all players for sports in which concussions occur frequently, such as football, basketball, volleyball, baseball, softball, diving and pole vaulting, Thompson said. The tests have been installed in the mandate for the athletic trainers to have a baseline of how the athlete normally functions so they can tell when the symptoms of the

concussion have passed. Athletes in other sports are given information about concussions and have to sign a paper stating they received the medical education, he said.

Symptoms of concussions include confusion, trouble concentrating, trouble with light, short-term memory loss and loss of consciousness, he said. Players will not be able to play until they go through tests that include repeating a provided list of numbers backward or recalling a list of words, Thompson said.

After athletes show they've lost all symptoms, they have to remain as-

ymptomatic for the same time period they had the symptoms before returning to play, Thompson said.

James said he was disoriented for a couple of days and lost his memory for two to three seconds but there hasn't been any sign of long term effect.

For an inside look at athletic concussions from a trainer and an athlete, check out the video at www.dailyegyptian.com.

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It's a safe bet that ornery Giants coach Tom Coughlin has sick, twisted physical punishment in line for his players and will get at least some of his team's errors corrected. Still, unlike the Packers, the Giants

run defense isn't as strong as it once was and if Cutler could just stop playing like a bag of trash, there's a real chance the Bears could start 4-0.

Fantasy forecast: Greg Olsen, tight end — With the stud Packers' corners keeping the big play away from the Bears' receivers Monday,

Olsen made the most of the middle of the field, catching five passes for 64 yards and a touchdown. The Giants have a talented secondary and may hold Chicago's wideouts in check for another week, so Olsen's a good add this week if you're not getting what you want out of the position.

WOMEN'S GOLF

Rounding out the team scores was junior Alisha Matthews, who tied for 37th and carded a 157. Senior Alex Anderson finished in a tie for 43rd with a score of 165. "We got in today and we played

good, but we know we can play better. That gives us so much more to know we didn't even play the best that we could and we got second and shot a 302," Rennaegarb said.

The Salukis are home for four days before they head to compete in the Oral Roberts Shootout on Monday and Tuesday in Tulsa, Okla.

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Salukis swing second at Cardinal Classic

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The Salukis were in good company on their ride home from Muncie, Ind., as they captured the second place trophy from the Cardinal Classic hosted by Ball State University on Monday and Tuesday.

Women's golf coach Diane Daugherty said she is proud of the way the team played. She said the hard work in practice has paid off for the team.

"After a couple of rebuilding and injury years, it is fun to be back getting hardware, as we call it, getting the trophy and coming home," Daugherty said.

Western Michigan took first place with a team score of 596 and SIU shot 601, which set a school record for the third lowest score in 36 holes of play. The team's second day score of 302 also made the school record books tying for the eighth-best second-round score.

In individual standings the team also set school records. Freshman Ashleigh Rushing led the team with a seventh place finish of 147. Her score of 147 also ties the school record for 12th all-time low 36-hole score.

Rushing said she was excited about her performance and the key to her success was to eliminate the mistakes and capitalize on the good shots.

"I knew that my swing was feeling pretty good and I just wanted to concentrate on not trying to drive the ball but to just trust my swing," Rushing said.

Sophomore Shaina Renniegarbe followed close behind Rushing as she finished in eighth place and shot a 148. Renniegarbe's second round of 72 earned her a tie for fifth-best second-round score in school history.

Renniegarbe said it feels amazing to play good golf after struggling most of the 2009-2010 season.

"I have a good swing and I just need to trust that it's gonna do what it needs to. Things don't always go my way, but on some days like today, they did. It feels really, really good and hopefully I can stay this consistent," Renniegarbe said.

Junior Meg Gilley finished in a 12th place tie with a two-round score of 151 while freshman Cassie Rushing tied for 25th with a score of 155.

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NCAA

NCAA regulates concussions for players' safety

BRANDON LACHANCE
Daily Egyptian

Connor James said he didn't realize he had a concussion until he saw himself on game film the next day.

"I was laying there for five seconds after a play, just out, and I didn't realize it had happened," said James, a junior inside linebacker for the SIU football team. "My head felt like a gong went off, (it was) a loud ringing sound."

James said.

James had the concussion two seasons ago, before the NCAA announced new rules in August regarding concussions, stating that concussed athletes can't return to play for at least 24 hours. He said he couldn't remember anything from the time he received a blow to the head until the time he was already off the field.

Not only that, but when James did return to play he was slower and some-

times even couldn't line up in the defense correctly, he said. The film showed he was disoriented and did things he hadn't done in any other game, he said. James also had a serious headache in the days following the concussion.

Four NFL players were concussed in Week 1 of the 2010 season and Jarrett Bell of USA Today reported the league suffers 175 concussions each season. Meanwhile, the NCAA mandated in August that every college follow certain

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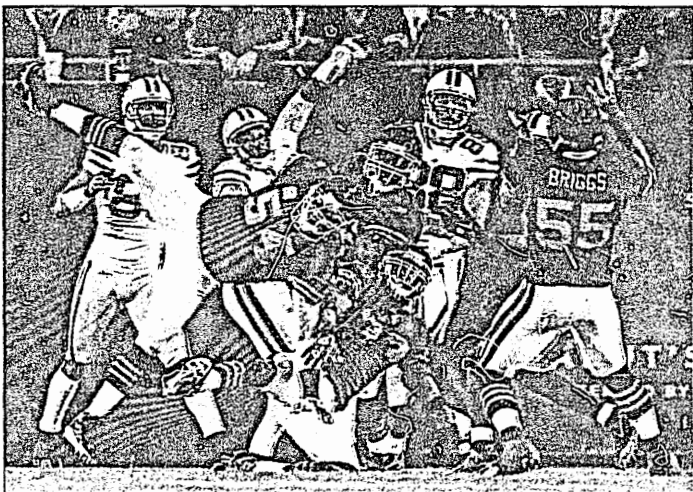
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Chicago Bears Lance Briggs intercepts a pass to end the first half against the Green Bay Packers at Soldier Field in Chicago on Monday.

After penalized Pack, Bears to face generous Giants



Your Teams on Tuesday was split into two parts, one about the Rams Tuesday and one about the Bears today.

Chicago
Last week: Bears 20, Packers 17
Week 4 score prediction: Bears 16, Giants 14

Well that game certainly lived up to its hype. Had the Packers not committed a team record of 18 penalties or fumbled on their last possession in the fourth, it probably wouldn't have.

But Bears fans shouldn't complain. Their team played so-so and still beat a Super Bowl contender. Bears QB Jay Cutler was inconsistent and would have thrown about eight interceptions had most of them not been nullified by Packers penalties. The Bears were also shut down in the running game on offense; it was only a couple well put-together drives that kept the Bears in the game, and the Packers simply lost it.

But the weight of the win, as underscoring as it was, is immeasurable for this team. After two straight wins over perceived top conference teams and with easy opponents such as Seattle, Carolina, and Buffalo ahead, the Bears realistically have a chance to lock up a playoff spot before they meet the Packers again in Week 17. If the Bears sweep the questionable Vikings-

something they undoubtedly must do to remain in the playoff conversation—that season finale at Lambeau Field could be a winners-take-the-division game.

Looking ahead to Week 4, Chicago will face a New York Giants team that's just as bumbling as Green Bay. The Bears seem to thrive on dumb luck, and they will probably get another heaping helping of it Sunday night. Like the Packers Monday, losing was about the only thing New York wasn't flagged for in their 29-10 loss to Tennessee Sunday. The Giants were nice enough to hand the Titans five personal fouls and allow one of their offensive linemen to get ejected from the game after committing two of them.

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guidelines on how to handle and prevent concussions.

Lee Land, an assistant athletic trainer at SIU since 2001, said the Salukis have had three concussions this season and typically have four or five each season.

Land said a person can get hit anywhere on the body, not only the head, and receive a concussion. A concussion occurs when the brain is being jostled in the skull, which could happen with a hit in the chest or a mix of other nicks

and bruises, he said.

"That one big amazing highlight reel hit may or may not cause a concussion, but maybe a combination of several smaller hits will," Land said. "An offensive or defensive lineman that doesn't have the big fantastic collision, they get hit 400 or 500 times over a week's worth of practice."

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